Study conducted by Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom

2591. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom has, in a detailed study held Doordarshan guilty of sycophancy as reported by Hindustan Times of 1st February, 1987 and if so, what corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to publicise the results of the above study amongst TV staff and the public in national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Government has seen the press report to this effect.

(b) No, Sir.

Anti-subscriber policies of L.I.C.

2592. RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Times of India dated 2nd February, 1987 regarding retrograde, anti-subscriber policies of LIC as revealed in the recent judgement of city Civil Court at Ahmedabad regarding forfeiture of premium by LIC; and

(b) if so, whether Government would instil spirit of public service in LIC and eliminate 90 days' duration in accident cases such as dog-bite etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The case relates to two policies for Rs. 50,000/- each which were lying in lapsed condition on the date of death of the Life assured on 7th January, 1979 due to non-payment of fifth half-yearly premium due 28th October, 1978, the life assured having paid only four half-yearly premiums due from 28th October, 1978 to 28th April, 1978 (both inclusive). Since three years' premiums were not paid, the policies had not acquired any paid-up value.

(b) There is no proposal at present to do away with the existing limit of 90 days for double accident benefit claim under LIC policies.

***Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and* Muslims as Directors/Chairman in Nationalised Banks**

2593. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Muslims who are member of the Boards of Directors/Chairmen in the Nationalised banks at present, bank-wise; and

(b) whether Government propose to fill up the posts now lying vacant from these categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The names of the Directors belonging to SC/ST and Muslim community as furnished by the 20 Nationalised banks are set out below:—

Sl.No.	Name of the Bank	Name of the Director
1	Punjab National Bank	Shri Salam at Ullah—Non-official director.
2	United Bank of India	Shri Islam Sabir—Non-official Director.
3	Allahabad Bank	Shri Mohammad Habib—Non-official Director.